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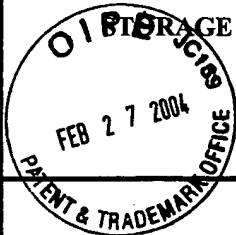
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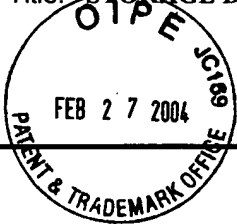
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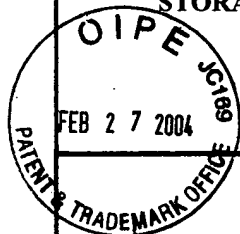
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Publication No. 2002-325719, published November 12, 2002, together with English language Abstract;
2. Japanese Publication No. 8-196605, dated August 6, 1996, together with English language Abstract;

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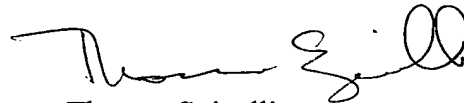

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3. Japanese Publication No. 2002-024098, published January 25, 2000, together with English-language Abstract; and
4. Japanese Publication No. 2002-306412, published October 22, 2002, together with English-language Abstract.

The references were cited in a Search Report received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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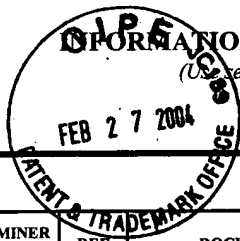
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		8-196605	8/6/1996	Japan				
		2000-024098	1/25/2000	Japan				
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